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Sweden has taken part in NATO Summit for the first time as full member

12 July 2024

U.S. President Joe Biden, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

Photo: NATO

NATO Summit in Washington DC on 9-11 July 2024.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billström and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Keir Starmer.

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Minister for Defence Pål Jonson, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd J. Austin III.

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Article: Sweden has taken part in NATO Summit for the first time as full member

Sweden enters into partnership with the state of New York

12 July 2024 From left to right: Major General Raymond F. Shields with Marcos Soler, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety in the state of New York, and Sweden's Minister for Defence Pål Jonson with Major General Johan Pekkari. Photo: Johan Hjelmstrand

On 12 July, Minister for Defence Pål Jonson signed a Letter of Intent concerning security cooperation between Sweden and the U.S. state of New York. The cooperation will be mainly between the Swedish Armed Forces and the New York National Guard as part of the United States' State Partnership Program (SPP).

Press release: Sweden enters into partnership with the state of New York

The Government adopts Sweden's first defence and security space strategy

05 July 2024 Sweden's defence and security space strategy. Photo: David Björkén/Northern Panorama

"With this strategy, we are strengthening the defence and security dimension of space policy so that Sweden is better postured to meet the challenges in space and to use space for defence and security," says Minister for Defence Pål Jonson.

Press release: Sweden's first defence and security space strategy

Photo: Niklas Forsström/Government Offices

Defence Cooperation Agreement with the United States

The Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) between Sweden and the US was adopted by the Riksdag on 18 June 2024. The Government submitted a bill on the issue to the Riksdag on 8 May 2024.

• Defence Cooperation Agreement with the United States

A Swedish ship taking part in the JEF activity in the Baltic Sea in December 2023. Photo: JEF

Sweden took part in JEF activity to protect critical underwater infrastructure in Baltic Sea

The Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) is once again increasing its presence in the Baltic Sea and the North Atlantic to help protect critical underwater infrastructure.

· Press release: Sweden takes part in JEF activity to protect critical underwater infrastructure in Baltic Sea

Photo: Niklas Forsström/Government Offices

Military support package 16: the largest military support package to Ukraine to date

29 May the Government presented its 16th and largest military support package to Ukraine to date since Russia's full-scale invasion began. Sweden will provide Ukraine with a completely new capability to strengthen its collective air defence. The package, which will be part of an upcoming additional amending budget, amounts to SEK 13.3 billion and will meet Ukraine's prioritised needs.

• Press release: Military support package 16 to Ukraine - new capability to strengthen Ukraine's air defence and support to meet its prioritised needs

The Nordic defence ministers. Photo: The Danish Ministry of Defence

Joint vision to enhance Nordic defence cooperation

In connection with the NORDEFCO ministerial meeting on 29–30 April in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, the Nordic defence ministers signed Vision 2030, a steering document on Nordic defence cooperation going forward.

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Published 12 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Sweden to join a drone cooperation for Ukraine

Sweden will enter a coalition together with eleven other countries, which, through joint procurement, will support Ukraine's armed forces with unmanned aerial vehicles – drones. Systems training may also be included.

Published 11 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

New Nordic cooperation for accessible airspace

The Nordic countries are entering into a cooperation to promote access to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden's airspace for NATO's air operations. On 9 July, a declaration of cooperation was signed by the countries' defence ministers in connection with the NATO Summit in Washington DC.

Published 10 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Sweden attends first NATO Summit as member of the defence Alliance

On 9–11 July, NATO's 32 member countries are gathering for the NATO Summit in Washington DC. Sweden is represented by Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billström and Minister for Defence Pål Jonson. The Summit is the first one Sweden is attending as a full member of the defence Alliance.

Published 08 July 2024 · <u>Press release</u> from <u>Pål Jonson</u>, <u>Tobias Billström</u>, <u>Ulf Kristersson</u>, <u>Ministry for Foreign Affairs</u>, <u>Ministry of Defence</u>, <u>Prime Minister's</u> Office

Sweden's first defence and security space strategy

On 4 July, the Government adopted Sweden's first defence and security space strategy - The role of space in a new security environment.

Published 05 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Speech by Minister for Defence Pål Jonson in Manila

Speech by Minister for Defence Pål Jonson at the Swedish National Day reception organised by the Embassy of Sweden in the Philippines on 6 June 2024 in Manila. Check against delivery.

Published 18 June 2024 · Speech from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Prime Minister received NATO Secretary General

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson received NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Friday 7 June. The agenda included bilateral talks and a demonstration of the Swedish Armed Forces' activities on naval vessel HSwMS Carlskrona. They also held a joint press conference.

Published 12 June 2024 · <u>Article</u> from <u>Ulf Kristersson</u>, <u>Prime Minister's Office</u>

Pål Jonson to the meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence

On 13–14 June, Pål Jonson will take part in a meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence in Brussels for the first time since Sweden became a full member of NATO. The agenda includes discussions about NATO's deterrence and defence capabilities and preparations ahead of the NATO Summit in Washington DC in July.

Published 12 June 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Sweden to contribute to NATO Air Policing

The Government has decided to contribute aircraft to NATO Air Policing. The Swedish Armed Forces will thus have leeway to provide aircraft in the near future to carry out aerial surveillance under NATO's command.

Published 11 June 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

NORDEFCO Annual Report 2023

Sweden held the NORDEFCO chairmanship in 2023 and the annual report provides a summary of the year. The Nordic Defence Cooperation was further deepened in 2023. Among other things, a new vision for the cooperation was adopted, Vision 2030.

Published 04 June 2024 · Report from Ministry of Defence

Sweden takes part in JEF activity to protect critical underwater infrastructure in Baltic Sea

The Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) is once again increasing its presence in the Baltic Sea and the North Atlantic to help protect critical underwater infrastructure.

Published 03 June 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Prime Minister hosted Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm

Friday 31 May, Prime Minster Ulf Kristersson hosted a Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Finland's President Alexander Stubb, Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre and Iceland's Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson took part.

Published 31 May 2024 · Article from Ebba Busch, Elisabeth Svantesson, Johan Pehrson, Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister's Office

Joint statement of the Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm

At the third Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm on 31 May, the Prime Ministers of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Iceland and the Presidents of Ukraine and Finland issued the following statement:

Published 31 May 2024 · Statement from Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister's Office

Declaration adopted during Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson hosted a Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm today, with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the heads of state and government of the other Nordic countries taking part.

Published 31 May 2024 · Press release from Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister's Office

Sweden enters into security cooperation agreement with Ukraine

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy have signed an agreement on bilateral security cooperation between Sweden and Ukraine.

Published 31 May 2024 · Press release, Webcast from Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister's Office

President Zelenskyy takes part in Nordic-Ukrainian Summit in Stockholm

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is in Sweden to take part in a Nordic-Ukrainian Summit hosted by Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson.

Published 31 May 2024 · Press release, Webcast from Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister's Office

Military support package 16 to Ukraine - new capability to strengthen Ukraine's air defence and support to meet its prioritised needs

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Published 29 May 2024 · Press release from Ebba Busch, Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson to host Nordic summit on security and defence

On Friday 31 May, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson will host a Nordic summit with the President of Finland and the heads of government of Denmark, Norway and Iceland

Published 28 May 2024 · <u>Press release</u> from <u>Ulf Kristersson</u>, <u>Prime Minister's Office</u>

Pål Jonson travels to Asia and the Pacific Region

Minister for Defence Pål Jonson will travel to Singapore, Australia and the Philippines in the first week of June. He will participate in the Shangri-La Dialogue international defence summit and several bilateral meetings.

Published 20 May 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

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